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ALLEGED SIBERIAN REVELATIONS.

FORMAL DENIALS MADE.

UNCOMFORTABLE IMPRESSION REMAINS.

WILL FRANCE LEAVE WASHINGTON?

PARIS, January 3.

The Foreign Ministry formally denies the allegations with regard to a pretended Franco-Japanese agreement for a common policy in Siberia. General Sarraut, writing to Mr. Hughes, American Secretary of State, declared that no agreement had been concluded. The documents published were all forgeries. He points out that these false rumours merely tend to create suspicion between the great powers assembled at Washington.

LONDON, January 23.

Notwithstanding the French and Japanese description of the documents published by representatives of the Far Eastern Republic as forgeries and malicious fabrications, the uncomfortable impression has not been dissipated pending clinching evidence. Americans particularly are indignant at passages in the alleged arrangements about American designs in Siberia and Russia. The French are very annoyed at the growing distrust of their policy which is finding an outlet in plain speaking and biting cartoons in American newspapers. It is even surmised that they may take advantage of the newly fed atmosphere of suspicion to pack up and leave Washington.

BRITISH FAR EASTERN NEWSPAPERS.

LORD NORTHCLIFFE'S ADVICE.

LONDON, January 3.

Interviewed at Colombo, Lord Northcliffe emphasised that Germany was expending an immense amount of money on propaganda in the Far East by Berlin wireless, subsidized newspapers, and films. The wireless service consisted largely of misleading statements and actual lies with reference to Egypt, India, the Washington Conference, Ireland, Japan, China, responsibility for the great war, and the gloomy condition of British trade. He believed the same minds were promoting the present mischief as actuated the notorious wireless dispatches during the war. He said that he regarded this propaganda as being as dangerous to day as during the war. In view of the uncertainties existing in the Far East he considered that a great effort should be made to support British owned newspapers in the Far East by British advertisers.

CHINA'S MOUNTAIN RANGES.

COMING GEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION.

LONDON, January 3.

Professor John Walter Gregory, Professor of Geology at Glasgow University, accompanied by his son, who will be his sole European companion, will start on a scientific expedition to China in March. He will examine the mountain ranges in Yunnan and Western Szechuan in order to determine their relation to the Himalayas and the mountain system of South Eastern Asia. The two men will only carry sporting rifles, depending on a Chinese escort for protection. The professor intends presenting the geological collections of the expedition to the Glasgow University, the zoological and botanical collections to the London Natural History Museum, and some specimens to the Indian Museum at Calcutta.

[Professor Gregory has travelled in the Rocky Mountains and the Great Basin of the Western States for geological purposes. He has been an explorer in British East Africa, and was naturalist with Sir Martin Conway's Expedition across Spitzbergen. In 1900 he was director of the civilian scientific staff of the Antarctic Expedition, from 1901 to 1902 head of the Lake Eyre (Australia) Expedition, and from 1902 to 1904, Director of the Geological Survey, Mines Department, Victoria. He is the author of several books and a number of scientific papers.]

WASHINGTON NAVAL AGREEMENT.

LEGAL EXPERTS DRAFTING TREATY.

WASHINGTON, January 3.

The naval experts have made progress in the direction of securing agreement on the question of replacements and scrapping capital ships. The legal experts are busy drafting a naval treaty AGAINST FRANCE?

WASHINGTON, January 3.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Roavis (Republican) introduced a resolution instructing the Government to demand a payment of allied debts because the proceedings of the Washington Conference had disclosed the determination of certain debtor nations to incur large expenditure upon increased naval armaments. The resolution is believed to be directed against France.

SHANTUNG DEADLOCK.

CHINA SERKS MEDIATION.

WASHINGTON, January 3.

It is learned that the Chinese delegation has asked Mr. Balfour and Mr. Hughes to mediate in the Shantung deadlock.

DAILY DEBATES TREATY.

OPPOSING VIEWS VOICED.

"IRISH PLENIPOTENTIARIES TRICKED."

LONDON, January 3.

The Daily Eireann reassembled this morning. Over a hundred resolutions from public bodies in favour of ratification were lodged.

Mr. O'Connor, the Minister of Agriculture, opposed the treaty. He declared that it was a step backwards. Messrs. Pierce and Beasley supported the treaty as the only alternative to chaos.

Countess Markievicz, who fiercely opposed the treaty, declared that the Irish plenipotentiaries had been tricked.

Mr. J. J. Walsh, of Cork, declared that 90 per cent of Co. K people were for the treaty.

AMERICAN BANK MERGER.

FINANCIAL CRISIS AVERTED.

CHICAGO, January 3.

The Continental, Commercial and National Bank and the Continental, Commercial and Trust Savings Bank have taken over the Fort Dearborn National Bank and Fort Dearborn Trust Savings Bank and have guaranteed all deposits therein which on September 6, totalled \$60,000,000. The Chicago Clearing House Commission examined the affairs of the Fort Dearborn Banks and found the assets impaired by bad loans and investments. Banking circles express the opinion that the merger has averted the very serious financial crisis which has been threatened in Chicago for a decade. As a result of the merger the Continental and the Commercial National Bank interests have now been combined. The assets amount to nearly \$725,000,000 the second largest in the United States.

MYSTERIOUS TRAIN MURDER.

YOUNG LAWYER'S DEATH.

ROTTERDAM, January 3.

A young Amsterdam lawyer, Dr. Wysman was mysteriously murdered on New Year's Eve in a train between Amsterdam and the Hague whither he was going to spend new year with his parents. A lady and man entered the first class carriage in which Wysman was travelling. The guard at the Hague found Wysman shot dead. He had apparently been robbed of his portfolio.

RUBBER EXPERIMENT.

POSSIBLE CONSUMPTION STIMULUS.

LONDON, January 3.

The Times science correspondent states that highly promising experiments have been made with rubber expanded by gas into a highly cellular form as an insulator in cold storage. The Times points out that if anticipations in this direction are realised a welcome stimulus may be given to the movement to increase the consumption of rubber.

CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

LAST YEAR'S BIG FIGURES.

LONDON, January 3.

The Bankers' Clearing House in its annual statement reports that the total paid through the Clearing House during the year was £34,930,000,000, a decrease of £4,088,000,000 compared with 1920 which was a record year, but it exceeds the total of any year prior to 1920.

NEW ARGENTINE OILFIELD.

ANGLO-PERSIAN COMPANY'S FIND.

LONDON, January 3.

The Anglo-Persian Oil Company has been informed that oil was struck at a depth of 2,000 feet in a new oilfield at Rivadavia in the Argentine. The find is yielding 400 gallons a day. Seven other wells are being drilled in the same section.

NORTH SEA GALE.

GERMAN STEAMER CAPSIZES.

LONDON, January 3.

Seven persons were drowned and five reported missing as the result of the German steamer "Fehma" capsizing in a gale in the North Sea.

JORUNG COAL MINES.

STRIKE BALLOT AWAILED.

JOHANNESBURG, January 3.

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JURISDICTION.Action No. 224 of 1921,
between H. J. Murray Plaintiff
andWalter Ford and Company
Walter Lenn Ford and Fung
Yan Sam partners therein.
Defendants.ORDER OF THE SUPREME
COURT OF HONGKONGAND
UNDER THE DIRECTIONS OF THE
REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT.MESSRS LAMMERT BROTHERS,
have received instructions to sell by
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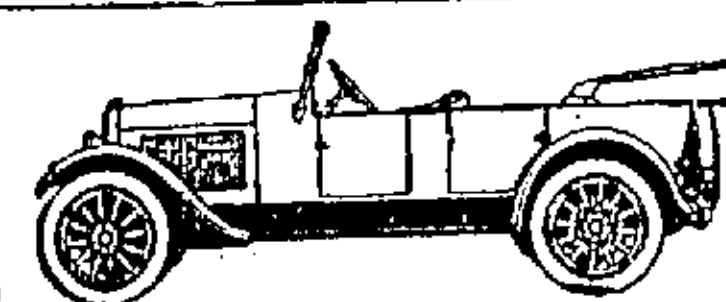
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DEATH COMPACT.

CHAMPAGNE AND CYANIDE
FOR FOUR.The tragedy of the death by poison-
ing of four people in the locked house
in Leigham Court road, Streatham, S.
W., forms one of the most poignant
domestic dramas it is possible to con-
ceive.The victims were
Mr. Ernest Coates, an electrical
engineer;
Mrs. Marie Coates, his wife (who
was married three times);
Mrs. Daisy Townsend, her mar-
ried daughter by her second
marriage, and
Henry Marin, her son by her
first marriage.They lived in a large house which had
been converted into two maisonettes
and was known as The Knowle. The
family lived on terms of the greatest
affection. The daughter was married
to an Australian officer, and she lived
with her mother because her husband
is at present in Australia. The son
was broken in health by the war, and
he was tenderly cared for by the other
members of the family.

DECLINE IN FORTUNES.

The drama of their lives opened
with a decline in Mr. Coates's fortunes,
followed by a long illness of the
daughter, and it came to a head when
Mr. Coates was charged at Bow Street
Police Court with misappropriating
£280 belonging to a public company.
He was remanded on bail, and was to
have appeared before the magistrate
shortly.It is possible he was innocent of the
charge, but he that as it may, he and
his wife and daughter entered into
a solemn compact to die rather than
face possible disgrace. All this is
evident from what their relatives saw
on entering the house after the trag-
edy was known.Mr. and Mrs. Coates and their
daughter resolved first of all that the
son should die and then that they
should die too. Having first of all
sent the maid away for a holiday they
prepared their last meal and their last
drink—poisoned champagne.

PRETTY NIGHTDRESSES.

A table was laid out in the hall of
the maisonette, and here sat the four
victims of the tragedy. They had
chicken for dinner, and then were
produced two bottles—one of
champagne and the other of poison,
probably cyanide of potassium. The
champagne was poured into four
glasses and into each glass was pour-
ed some of the poison.It is believed that the young
man, Henry Marin, knew
nothing of the death compact.

FAMILY REBELS.

NOVELIST'S ADVICE.

"The contention of age and youth
is eternal and salutary for the race,"
said Professor Sir A. T. Quiller-Couch
lecturing on English literature at Cam-
bridge University.He sympathised with both parties,
but it was his view that no young
man or woman could live beyond a
certain time under the parental roof
without grave risk either of pauperis-
m or of the intellect by filial docility or of
rebellion in which good manners
would be forfeited.The break should be decisive, yet
affectionate and regretful, with either
side tender for the feelings of the
other.His wine was poisoned and
then handed him to drink. He did
almost immediately and was carried
to his bedroom just as he was—fully
dressed, and laid reverently on a bed.
His head was tied round the lower
jaw with a table napkin and a white
cloth was placed over his face.Then the husband and the wife and
the daughter prepared to die by their
own hands. They undressed and the
two women put on their prettiest
night dresses.When found the daughter was lying
as though asleep on a bed in the front
room with her hands crossed on her
breast and the husband and his wife
were facing each other on their own
bed in the same room.

LETTER TO CORONER.

It is clear that the daughter first
took her poison draught, and that
when she died the man and woman
placed her on the bed and crossed her
hands. Then came the mother's
turn. She lay on the bed, took
the poisoned champagne, and drank
it. The husband arranged her
in death and turned her head sideways
so that he could take a last look at
the face he loved as he held the cham-
pagne to his lips.They were found face to face in
death as if in peaceful sleep.On the supper table in the hall was
found a letter written to the coroner.
The paper on which these last words
were written was as large as the top
of the table, and was probably of
a kind used by Mr. Coates in his
business as an engineer. He had
also written two other letters to
relatives, and had further left in the
house written instructions regarding
the funeral care of his wife and his
Airedale terrier, of which he was very
fond.

VICAR AS TRAMP.

Taking up a challenge that he could
go on tramp and return with more
money than he took with him, and at
the same time get a better coat than
the torn and shabby one he wore when
he started, the Rev. David Railton,
M.C., Vicar of Margate, has tramped
across country seeking work and beg-
ging his bread from door to door.The vicar, who, as a chaplain in
the Army, has seen active service,
won the first part of the challenge,
but he was unable to renew his coat.
"I found it practically impossible
to get work," he told a *Daily Mail*
reporter. "I only had one job in 30
hours, and that was helping to clean
out a garage. Sleeping in 'doss-
houses' I found the men on the whole
well behaved and eager to assist each
other, but work of any permanent or
profitable nature it was impossible to
find."Equally impossible was it for me
to beg a better coat. I called at a
vicarage and chose the middle of the
vicar's meal time, because I am always
being disturbed in the middle of a
meal, and I wanted to know how
another 'bloke' took it. I did not get
the coat, for the other vicar, though
very sympathetic, said as he lived on
the high road he had given many coats
away, and he had none so good as the
one I was wearing."Mr. Railton started out with 1s.
He found most sympathy from
servant girls at the houses when he
called, and the least sympathy from
those in comfortable work. Whenever
he was given money he promised
to repay the amount when he got into
better circumstances, "but nobody
believed me." In each instance he
has returned the money and received
acknowledgments. At one house he
was given a 3d. piece by a woman.
He refused at first to take it, but the
giver in a kindly way remarked,
"Take it, boy, and spit on it for
luck." When he cleaned out the
garage the woman of the house gave
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NOTIFICATIONS.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

MR. EDWARD WILLIAM ALDERON has been appointed
MANAGER of the Peak Hotel, as
from the 1st January, 1922.

By Order of the Board
SCOTT HARRISON,
Chairman.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

MISS M. G. MCKENNETT has
been appointed **RESIDENT**
MANAGER of the Peak Hotel,
as from the 1st January, 1922.

By Order of the Board
SCOTT HARRISON,
Chairman.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

MR. HERBERT JAMES BRIDGER
has been appointed
ASSISTANT MANAGER of the
Hongkong Hotel, as from the 1st
January, 1922.

By Order of the Board
SCOTT HARRISON,
Chairman.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

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WAR VIGNETTE.

FROM AN EXCHANGE.

In the Great War there were points
in the field—some of the best were in
the tops of high trees on high ground
at which you could sit, as it were,
in the gallery of the court and see,
through your glasses, the great
Official Receiver at work. A typical
case sticks in the mind—a British
attack up a bare opposite slope,
with some English troops on the
left and Australian troops on the
right. One had often met both on the
roads—part of the home troops
colourless, undersized, half-toothless
lads from hot factories; another part
—low, staring, vacuous faces out of
the tragical-comical-historical-pastoral
drama of life in a southern shire
whose rural population has now been
decreasing for a hundred years; the
Australian battalions startlingly
taller, stronger, handsomer,
prouder, firmer in nerve, better
schooled, more boldly in life, quicker
to take means to an end and to parry
and counter any new blow of circum-
stance, men who had learned already
to look at most of our men with the
half-curious, half-pitiful look of a
higher, happier caste at a lower. Now
you could see all these kinds of men
arise in one continuous line out of the
earth and walk forward to bear in the
riddled flesh and wrung spirit the sins
of their several fathers and pastors
and masters.

At one point the line of home troops
would become a discontinuous row of
bunches and gaps, big dots unevenly
spaced and some of these little knots
of men who had lost touch and direc-
tion and unified purpose would plunge
on into the back wall of our barrage,
or least some enemy machine-gunner
on thir density where they stood,
while others struggled back, some
stooping and running, some doggedly,
frantically standing up to the punish-
ment, back to the place from which
they had started. And all the while
the Australians still ambled steadily
on, their line delicately waving like a
shaken rope, but always continuous
as the rope and closing in swiftly
again, as the living flesh closes over a
pin-prick, wherever an enemy shell
tore a hole. Far out on the left
a few platoons of the stunted
boys from the slums and the
unrewarded boys from the "agricul-
tural, residential, and sporting
estates" of our auctioneers' advertise-
ments got to their goal, the spirit
wrestling prodigies of valour out of the
weak flesh, held on there for an hour
with the shells splashing the earth up
about them like mud to water when
great rain drops make its surface
jump and then fell back, under
orders, without any need the
moment how to use their
mortalities—to see the Australian
throwing back a self-protective flank
from the left of their only won front
to the right of the English front for
their rear. One little fellow—on
had heard too often—the things that
they must be saying. The Tommy
again! Another Tommy officer
who didn't know he'd won!

MARKET PRODUCE IN HONGKONG.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

December 29th, 1921.

Butcher Meat.

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| Beef, Sirloln.—Moi Lung Pa | lb. | 20 |
| Prime Cut | lb. | 20 |
| Corndy.—Ham Nean Yok | lb. | 22 |
| Roast.—Shin | lb. | 15 |
| Breast.—Ngau Nam | lb. | 16 |
| Soup.—Tong Yak | lb. | 16 |
| Steak.—Ngau Yuk Pa | lb. | 15 |
| Steak Sirloln.—Ngau Lau | lb. | 25 |
| Sausages.—Ngau Cheung | lb. | 25 |
| Saloln's Brains.—Ngau No per set | lb. | 16 |
| Tongue, fresh.—Ngau Li each 60 | lb. | 60 |
| Tongue, corned.—Ham Ngau Li | lb. | 85 cents |
| Head.—Ngau Tan | each | 80 |
| Heart.—Ngau Sam | lb. | 13 |
| Hamp, Salt.—Ngau Kin | lb. | 18 |
| Feet.—Ngau Kook | each | 10 |
| Kidney.—Ngau Yiu | lb. | 10 |
| —Ngau Mei | lb. | 18 |
| Liver.—Ngau Koon | lb. | 13 |
| Tripes (and reseed), Ngau To | lb. | 6 |
| Calves' Head and Feet.—Ngau-tai- | lb. | 1.00 |
| —tau-kent | lb. | 1.00 |
| Mutton Chop.—Yeung Pui Kwat | lb. | 34 |
| Leg.—Yeung Pui | lb. | 34 |
| Shoulder.—Yeung Shau | lb. | 30 |
| Saddle.—Yeung On Yuk | lb. | 33 |
| Pig's Chitlings.—Chu Chong | lb. | 25 |
| Bratons.—Chu No | per set | 2 |
| Feet.—Chu Kook | lb. | 18 |
| Fry.—Chu Chap | lb. | 18 |
| Head.—Chu Tan | lb. | 15 |
| Heart.—Chu Sam | each | 10 |
| Kidney.—Chu Yiu | each | 10 |
| Liver.—Chu Koon | lb. | 13 |
| Pork Chop.—Chu Pui Kwat | lb. | 24 |
| Leg.—Chu Pui | lb. | 32 |
| Loin.—Chu Hui Ton | lb. | 24 |
| Fat or Lard.—Chu Yau | lb. | 20 |
| Chops' Head and Feet.—Yeung | lb. | 70 |
| Tau-kent | lb. | 70 |
| Heart.—Yeung Sam | each | 10 |
| Kidney.—Yeung Yiu | each | 13 |
| Liver.—Yeung Koon | lb. | 34 |
| Roasting Pigs, to order.—Chu Tai | lb. | 24 |
| Beef.—Shang Ngau Yau | lb. | 20 |
| Mutton.—Shang Yeung Yau | lb. | 34 |
| Veal.—Ngau Tai Yuk | lb. | 21 |
| Sausages.—Ngau Tai Cheung | lb. | 28 |

Poultry.

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| Chicken.—Kai Tai | lb. | 34 |
| Capons, Small.—Shi Kai | lb. | 32 |
| Capons, Large.—Shi Kai | lb. | 38 |
| Duck.—Ap | lb. | 30 |
| Doves.—Pan Koo | lb. | 30 |
| Eggs, Hen.—Kai Tai (cooking) per doz | 32 | |
| Eggs, Hen.—Kai Tai (fresh) per doz | 38 | |
| Fowls, Canton.—Kai | lb. | 33 |
| Fowls, Hainan.—Hoi Nam Kai | lb. | 30 |
| Geese.—Nga | lb. | 31 |
| Pigeons, Canton.—Pak Kap | each | 40 |
| Hollow.—Hoi Hau Pak Kap | each | 56 |
| Turkeys, Cook.—Fo Kai Kung | lb. | 75 |
| Turkeys, Hen.—Fo Kai Na | lb. | 60 |
| Salp.—Sha Tsui | lb. | 32 |
| Phasants.—Shan Kai | lb. | 1.10 |
| Quail.—Om Chun | lb. | 18 |
| Partridges.—Che Ka | lb. | 60 |

Fruits.

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| Almonds.—Hang Yan | .. | .. | lb. 65 |
| Apples, (California)—Kam Shan | | | |
| Ping Ko | .. | .. | 26 |
| Bananas, (bride's), Macao.—San | | | |
| Heung Chiu | .. | .. | 4 |
| Chiambola.—Young To | .. | .. | 4 |
| Cocoanuts.—Ye Tse | .. | .. | each 16 |
| Lemons, China.—Ling Mung | .. | .. | lb. 8 |
| Lemons, (American)—Kam Shan | | | |
| Ling Mung | .. | .. | each 6 |
| Lichoes, Dried, (small stone)— | | | |
| Lai Chi Koon | lb. | | 36 |
| Oranges, (Canton), Sweet— | | | 12 |
| Shan-cheng Tim Chang | lb. | | 8 |
| Oranges, Tim Chang | .. | .. | 12 |
| Pears, (Canton)—Chung—Sha Li | .. | .. | 12 |
| Peanuts.—Fa Shan | .. | .. | 11 |
| Portimonos, Large.—Hung Tse | .. | .. | 3 |
| Plantain.—Tai Chiu | .. | .. | 3 |
| Pomelo, Stam.—Taim Lo Yau | .. | .. | each 12 |
| Walnuts.—Hop To | .. | .. | lb. 18 |
| Grapes.—Po Tai Tse | .. | .. | 22 |

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BIRTHS.

BUDGE.—At the Government Civil Hospital on 2nd January to Mr. and Mrs. William Budge, a daughter.

SABEL.—On December 27, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Sabel, a daughter.

PARK.—On December 23, 1921, at Peking, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Park, a son.

MCKELVIE.—On Christmas Day, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. K. McKelvie, a son.

TREPPENHAUER.—On December 26, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Treppenhauer, a son.

HILBORNE.—On December 27, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Hilborne, a daughter.

PATOUREL.—On December 28, 1921, at Shanghai, to Captain and Mrs. Le Patourel, a son.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. NELSON E. BRYANT hereby announce the engagement of their daughter Annette Churchill, to Mr. William Leonard Schwartz, M.A., Professor of French, at Leland Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, late of Imperial Japanese Educational Department.

DEATHS.

HUNT.—On December 26, 1921, at Shanghai, Alice, wife of Edward Hunt of Wenchow, aged 60 years.

THORNHILL.—On January 2nd at Bedford England, Austin McCum (Wick) dearly beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Thornhill, aged 10 years (by cable).

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4, 1922

QUO VADIS?

Surely an intelligent student of sociology should be permitted to question the goal of what we proudly call "civilization" without being accused of taking a Tolstoyan view of human nature! It is the very earnest reformer with a definite faith who deserves that. The name "Civilization," from its Party associations, has come to cover people who desire what they believe to be reforms. It should mean a man whose attitude is that of "letting well alone." We must carefully distinguish between civilization's professed missionaries and those men for whom "the white man's burden" really means the spirit with which they hope to catch the mackerel of self-satisfaction, in trade, or imperial aggrandisement, or otherwise. The problem takes the field of attention when cases like that of Mesopotamia come up for consideration. We hear of the Arabs, as we have heard of so many other peoples, that they are not fit to govern, and that we (or someone) must govern them until they are. "The success of any government," says one witness holding those views, "depends on its power to compel." That is not the only way to estimate the success of government. It is probably not the right way although as a statement it embodies what we call a half truth. It is exceedingly likely that the Arabs, or the Indians, or the Chinese, are unfit to govern themselves even as others want to see them governed. The so-called "civilized" and especially "civilizing" nations proceed along the line of persuading or compelling the

objects of their enterprise to become as like themselves as is humanly possible, especially as regards their social institutions, their laws, and so on. This may be very necessary to the civilizer, if he must trade with the people concerned, and if, consequently, he must associate with them. Grant the right to trade, compulsorily, with a people that does not particularly want to trade, and you must grant these things also. If it were merely a question of the civilizer saying to the inferior race: "You must abandon certain of your habits, you must adopt certain of ours, or we will not trade with you," there would be no problem. This inferior race would or would not fall into line, and the superior (the would-be civilizer) would or would not continue the relations. In practice the position is quite different, and the consideration of pure justice (fairness) is horribly complicated. No one (of the white man's burden school) pays any regard to the object of governing the Arabs who are said to be unfit to govern themselves. If the unfit peoples were aggressive, and threatening us in any way, the position of these reformers would be stronger. But it is otherwise. They discover a people unfit to govern and, since they disavow any selfish ulterior purpose, they magnanimously and generously undertake the strenuous job of governing them. Why? In some cases we are told that they do it in order to make these peoples fit to govern, and that when they are, they will leave them to do so. The instructors are to be the judges of such fitness, naturally. The well-being of the pupil is said to be their object. This calls for a special article on well-being, to define it. Contentment is a necessary ingredient of well-being, because discontent is always the symptom of ill being. These thoughts suggest the lines on which readers desiring to study the international politics of 1922 should begin their approach. Ascertain first the real object, and then consider if it is being furthered. To make an aggressively imperialistic nation out of the Japanese, for example, and to change that race of artists into factory owners and factory workers, has been hailed as an example of the progress of civilization. Was it?

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Ladies are requested to send in their names and addresses for free inclusion in the Dollar Directory.

F. M. S. papers report that the *Malayan Leader* Kuala Lumpur, has now ceased publication.

The supply of water will be controlled by bringing rider mains into operation in the district west of Eastern Street from Friday next.

Lt. Hugh C. Skinner has joined H.M.S. "Carleton" from H.M.S. "Colleen," and Lt. Robert F. Crawford has been transferred from the *Carleton* to H.M.S. "Vivid."

An advertisement in another column announces that the Royal Hongkong Golf Club has arranged for lessons to be given in golf on the Happy Valley course.

The Rev. G. E. S. Updell, M.A., of Queen's College, has been appointed Honorary Chaplain to H.M. Forces with the rank of Captain, in recognition of his services rendered during the war.

"Mr. G. N. Orme will read a paper on 'The People of China' at the Reading Circle at the Helena May Institute to-morrow morning, Thursday January 5 at 10.30 a.m. All who are interested are invited."

The estate of the late Mr. John Howard Gwyther, of 13, Lancaster-gate, W., formerly chairman of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, has been sworn of at the gross value of £144,881, the net personally being £144,421.

It seems unlikely that Marshal J. fire will visit Hongkong on his way to Japan. According to the latest advices the cruiser "Montcalm" is under orders to take the distinguished envoy direct to Japan, with an intermediate stop at Keelung.

The improvement of Tokyo harbour will be taken in hand early this year. The scheme is expected to be completed in some fifteen years at the gross expenditure of \$560,000,000. Like the Osaka scheme, it is not likely to put the neighbouring port out of business.

All firms clubs, etc., who have not yet returned particulars for insertion in the Dollar Directory are requested to do so immediately to No. 3, Wyndham Street. Particulars of new firms, etc., will be gladly received for free inclusion in the Directory.

IN THE SOCIAL SWIM.

On Xmas Day I went to a large dinner and we had snap dragon and charades and all the old Xmas games which are rather pathetic, were one to look back on them afterwards and realize how one is trying to reach one's lost youth. My husband went out to Fanling on Boxing Day and says there were crowds of people. In the afternoon the Happy Valley was very busy and full of music. The Defence Corps Pipers were playing at the England and Scotland football match, the "Hawkins" Band were playing on the Civil Service ground, who were, I think, giving a children's party, while the Jazz Band was performing somewhere else. Altogether a musical treat? In the evening I dined in the grill room at the Hongkong Hotel, a Fanny Dress dinner d'ansant. There were a large number of people present, and some very striking dresses. I particularly admired Mrs. Linton as a Dragonfly. Madame Lily was very striking as The Duchess of Devonshire. Mrs. Havelock Davies looked very sweet as a Powder Puff, and there was also another very daring Powder Puff dress, which attracted much attention, but I could not identify the lady. Mrs. Pearce looked sweet as a French artist. There was one table with two little girls in short frocks and two little boys with bare legs, when I add that they comprised Captain and Mrs. Bristow, and Mr. and Mrs. Syme Thompson, I don't think I need say any more! Among the men, Mr. Lindell was very good as a Japanese, Captain Havelock Davies was the typical "Liberty" sailor and Mr. Dowley as either a Judge or a barrister (I never can tell the difference between them, and my husband was much too occupied with his very latest to be accessible), was dancing like a two year old. I forgot to mention Mrs. Bond, who made a striking Maggie. These were the dresses that struck me most, but it will be understood that with some three hundred people present one could not see everyone. Congratulations to Captain Ox-spring, R.A.V.C. and Captain Bingham, R.G.A., whose wives presented each of them with a son on successive days in the French Hospital. Bad luck on the children though. They will never get a birthday present being born so near Christmas Day! Kowloon had been doing its duty nobly to the nation lately, has it not? Amongst those who left the Colony for India on the "Dunera" were Captain and Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Denny. Captain Johnson is going to the Staff College at Quetta. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lowe returned on the "Egypt". The married families of the various units have been entertained during the week. In addition to the Civil Service Christmas Tree on their cricket ground, the R.G.A., and the Wiltshires have been at home to the married people. The Pekin Company of the Wiltshires arrived on Boxing Day and are camped on the Murray Paade ground. I understand the rest of the Regiment go under canvas there shortly so as to leave the barracks vacant for the new regiment.

He has rather an unfortunate reputation for being "pencil shy," and though he is often to be found in the bar, yet if he is in the middle of a crowd, he often finds he has an important engagement which takes him away before it comes to his turn. He was leaping against the bar the other day, but no one seemed anxious to stand him a drink. Suddenly about six bright boys appeared and went straight up to him. "Oh Brown," said one of them, "you're a French scholar, aren't you? Now, just to settle a bet, translate *Que voulez vous?*" "Que voulez vous," said the victim, "why, what will you have?" And then came a surging babel of "Mine's a whisky-pi thanks," "Old Tom Red" and so on, and before he knew where he was, he was signing for about seven drinks!

Congratulations to Mrs. G. N. Courtney, who presented her lord and master with a daughter on the 21st at Nanking. We most of us knew K. I beg pardon, I should say, Mrs. Courtney when she was at Canton, and many of us before she was married. I think her sister, Mrs. Tolleson, also well known to those of us who have been in the North, is also at present stationed in Nanking.

There is a certain limpet here and he limpet—or limpetish—horribly. An incorrigible bachelor himself, he never can realize that other people might want to enter the bands of Holy matrimony, or at any rate occasionally like to be alone with a lady. The climax came at a certain dance the other night, when his best pal disappeared into the garden, with a lady! Two minutes afterwards arrived the limpet. "Ah there you are," he said, "I'll get another chair, and we can all have a genial smoke and chat together!" The man said nothing, but the lady arose in her wrath. "Perhaps you don't realize," Mr. X. said, "that two's company and three's a crowd." "By gad," said the limpet, chuckling, "that's one for you."

M.B.K. STEAMER ASHORE.

IN THE HAINAN STRAITS.

News reached Hongkong last night that the M.B.K. cargo steamer "Maui Maru" (about 2000 tons) which was coming to Hongkong with a full cargo of coal from Hongay, went ashore in the Hainan Straits on the afternoon of New Year's Day. The fore part of the stranded vessel is full of water but there is no leak in the after part. The "Maui Maru" was sent out to her assistance last night.

That the M.B.K. Office in Hongkong were able to get the news last night was due to the courtesy of the masters of the s.s. "Tak Sang" and "Kweichow" who had passed on the intelligence respectively to the Japanese consul at Haiphong and the Hongay coal mines.

'George'. Off you go, and give me your chair! And 'George' went, and I am still wondering if the limpet is such a fool as we think, for she is a very attractive woman.

In an upcountry station, those of you who know the North will probably identify it, lives a certain lady whom we used to call Mrs. Viper, because of her tongue. If you listened to her, (and believed her) no woman was virtuous, and practically every man was gin-sodden. A very well known Shanghai man was up there recently and went to call. After about half an hour of the lady's scandals—many of them about his friends, he turned at last and said, "Well Mrs. Viper, as far as I can make out, every woman in this place either drinks or is unfaithful to her husband, or is too old to do either. Under which of these categories am I to place you?" Those of you who know Shanghai will, of course, know who the man is, and can imagine the charming way in which he said it. On Friday I had the pleasure of attending the annual Dockyard (Hongkong and Whampoa) dance at Kowloon. There seemed to be even more people present than ever, some five hundred, I believe. The Wiltshire Band was in attendance, and gave us some twenty-four dances. The Hongkong Hotel provided a very excellent supper. Amongst others present I noticed Mrs. Claud Severn, Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. Forsyth, Mrs. Bell and Lady Ho Tung. The ballroom had been arranged to resemble a ship's saloon and had been most artistically decorated. Altogether a very enjoyable evening.

On New Year's Eve, I had intended to go out to Repulse Bay to the Fancy Dress Dinner D'ansant, but some very old friends were so insistent that we should go and dine with them, and when I suggested we should split up the family and that my worthy spouse should go to the friends and I should go to Repulse Bay, he got quite ratty about it, said husband and wife ought to spend the New Year together, and that he had not gone out to Fanling for the week-end etc., etc. (I am rather doubtful about the latter part, I am suspicious enough to believe that he forgot to telephone out in time to get a room) anyway there was nothing for it, and I must say I thoroughly enjoyed myself. We played all sorts of games. We kissed one another under the mistletoe, in fact, we were thoroughly young and frivolous. I hear there were a lot of parties out at Repulse Bay and of course all the usual habits were present. There were a number of private dinner parties in The Peak and one could hear the pipes skirling —is that the right word?—in various directions. Mrs. Lafrentz gave a small dance the same night.

I got to the Coronet on Sunday night for the "Brat" film. I nearly had a fit when I saw the lady on the programme, and nearly asked for my money back. However, I did not, and am glad I did not. Not that I think Miss Nazimova is beautiful or even attractive. As the man who took me said, she has a head like a chimney sweeper's brush. But it was quite an interesting play, though to my mind rather too drawn out. I loved the Bunny dance in the middle, but I did not like it when the dances having drawn off her engagement ring, and returned it to the hero, the latter should two minutes afterwards have placed it on the "Brat's" finger. Surely in real life, he would have flung it out of the window and bought another the next day. Also I don't think I should like a man who at a moment like that only kissed my hand, and a gloved hand at that. I have met quite a good number of Americans in my time—and or—they were a bit more strenuous than that. Before the "Brat" we had some quite interesting Typical films, including some of the Prince of Wales starting for India, and the embarkation of the American Unknown Warrior at Le Havre. There were also some Chinese scenes, but no Hongkong ones, unfortunately.

THE DOLLAR.

DURING THE YEAR.

SILVER MARKET REVIEWED.

The following very interesting review of conditions in the silver market during 1921 and of some of the causes which have led to fluctuations in exchange has been kindly supplied to us:

Sterling T/T in London opened on the first working day of the year at 3.1.1.4, the rate improved by farthing rises during the next couple of days until it touched 3.1.3.1 on January 6, the highest rate for 1921. The top rate was of short duration, a fall to 3.1.1.2 being recorded on the same day. From January 7 exchange fell practically daily, the month finishing at 2.6 showing a fall of about 7d. Silver shed 6d off its price during the same period. The range of prices being 42.1.2d to 36.3.3d.

The market generally expected a substantial reaction before the New Year, but except for a steadiness during February, the downward trend continued, checked occasionally by unimportant rises until the first week in March, when the bottom rate of 2.2.1.2d. was touched. Silver fluctuated between 36.3.1 and 30.5.8d. the latter being the lowest rate recorded.

The low points silver was due to the small support from China early in the year and its measure to China entering the field in March as an exporter of the metal to India in competition with Linn and America, the absence of export paper, and a contributory factor was the strength of sterling in America, the New York London rate having risen consistently from 3.54 to 3.93 in March. The upward course continued to May when the rate was quoted at 3.96.

Exchange on London took an upward turn on the 1st of March, from the low rate of 2.1.2 and within practically a month a gain of 4.1.2d. was registered, the rate during the next three months fluctuating between 2.4.1.2 and 2.7.1.2, the widest range being in April when the "high and low" rates were 2.7.1.2 and 2.4.1.2. There was also a recovery in silver during the period to 36.1.2d. but the price fell at 30th June, only a slightly better than 35d. The top rate of £83.5 per 11. sterling reached in May was not kept up, sterling having depreciated fully 20 points at the close of the half year.

The Hongkong dollar improved steadily in July, a month opened at 2.7 and a question of 2.9.1.2 was touched but closed 2d. lower, or a gain of 2d in the silver improved more than 3.1.2 from 35.1.4 to 38.7.8 on an average demand from China caused a more or less panic run on some of the foreign banks in North China, and demonstrate the close connection between the London price of silver and the American Cross Rate, it might be noted that the former declined rather 20 points in July, closing at 36.1.2.

August was fairly steady, T/T on London commenced at 2.9.1.4, but under easier conditions the rate gradually fell to 2.7.1.2, silver lost 1d, and cross rate improved to 3.70 during the month.

A sharp reaction occurred towards the first week of September which carried the rate to 2.6.1.2 on the 30th; the strength was maintained until middle October, a quotation of 2.11.1.2 during the interval. From that point sterling sagged, rates declined to 2.7.1.2, reacted slightly to 2/8 at the end of November.

The price of silver reached 43.3.8, but finished at 3.5.5; the metal was undoubtedly struggling the period, rises being recovered up to the end of October despite higher cross rate, but the strength of the latter had its effect on silver in November when prices gradually yielded to the above level. The rapid fall of the Mark about this time contributed to the weakness in silver easing off the demand for the metal from China and India owing to the difficulty of financing exports from these countries on German account.

SPECIAL CABLE.

SHANGHAI FRACAS.

AMERICAN AND ITALIAN SAILORS FIGHT.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 3.

A fracas between Italian and American sailors caused great disturbance in the Hongkew district on Sunday night. Revolvers and other weapons were freely used. Several men were taken to hospital. An American sailor died last night. Three were seriously injured. The police are investigating the trouble.

LAWN BOWLS.

K.B.C.C. HOLIDAY MATCH.

ENGLAND V. SCOTLAND.

During the New Year holidays the Kowloon Bowling Green Club played a very interesting bowls match England v. Scotland. Four rinks were played, and the net result was a win for Scotland by 18 points. The match was the result of the efforts of Mr. R. M. Dyer, the popular manager of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, who besides providing for comfort of all present, engaged the Band of H.M.S. "Hawkins" for the afternoon. At the conclusion silver spoons were presented to the members of the winning team, and Mr. Dyer was heartily thanked for his generosity.

PARCELS LANDMARK.

ONE WRECK REPLACES ANOTHER.

The latest victim of the notorious Paracels, the Japanese steamer "New York Maru" which went aground on the Bombay Reef on November 11 last during thick weather, promises to afford an excellent landmark for passing vessels for a long time to come. When the s.s. "Phranang" (Captain R. S. Heaney), returning from Saigon to Hongkong, passed close eastward of the reef on New Year's Day, the "New York Maru" empty and bleak, was resting upright apparently in sheltered water. The vessel had evidently suffered no further damage since her stranding and in her present enclosed position among the reefs shows little signs of disintegrating. Her approximate position was fixed as 16° 41' N. 112° 30' E. She is visible for a distance of about fourteen miles.

Close to the wreck when the "Phranang" passed were seven junks attracted to the scene by possible salvage, or plunder. A strong set to the westward experienced by the "Phranang" suggests a possible explanation for the "New York Maru's" disaster as the breakers surging over the almost everywhere half-submerged reef would have been invisible in the thick weather prevailing at the time.

The old wreck so long a familiar object on the Bombay Reef has fallen to pieces during the last few months leaving two large boilers testing on the coral conspicuous objects above the breakers.

mental on a happy outcome of the Washington Conference.

The daily quotations for Silver in December were weak, the commencing rate of 37.1/2 gradually receding to 34.1/2 on the 9th; the price recovered to 36.3/8 during the next 10 days, followed by a declining market bringing the London quotation down to 34.3/4 on the 30th December. T/T on London gave away to 2/8.3.4, but fluctuated between 2/8 and 2/7, and closed at the last rate, the forward tone of the market being easy.

The dollar depreciated about 6d. in value during the year and the price of silver about the same. Sterling in New York improved about 67 points, and this was reflected in the price for Gold Dollars in Hongkong, which opened at about 51.3/4, and closed at 51, with an average for the year of 50.3/2. The average quotation for sterling during the year was 2/7.7/16 against an average of 1/3.1/2 in 1920. The sensation in 1921 was the heavy depreciation in German exchange which fell rapidly from a quotation of about Marks 330 per pound sterling early in September to about 1,200 in November, but the rate has since substantially recovered to about 780. In the local market, Marks were dealt in as high as 120 to \$1. The vice oscillations in German exchange were not directly felt in Hongkong, but their effect on our exchanges through sterling and other currencies, were greater than what meets the eye.

SEAMEN AND BOOKS.

The London "Athens" gives interesting particulars of the work done by the Seafarers' Education Service in supplying libraries to ocean going vessels for the benefit of the seamen aboard. Doubt was expressed if the seaman wanted books, so the above service was started as an experiment and information is given as to what was done from December 1919 to August 1921. The first ship to get a library was the steamer "Aeneas" on a voyage to the Far East and 30 per cent of its company were regular readers. Two books were taken out twelve times: Jacob's "Odd Craft" and Anthony Hope's "Prisoner of Zenda." Doyle's "Study in Scarlet" went out eleven times, Kipling's "Soldiers Three" and Stevenson's "Master of Ballantrae" went out nine times. Among the four times appear the first books that were not fiction: Chatterton's "Romance of the Ship" and Denker's "Races of Man."

Following the initial experiment, the liners of several important house flags have been equipped with libraries. It is clear, too, that as the crew become accustomed to the presence of the ship, they read more. A certain able seaman on the "Ulysses" of the Blue Funnel Line, on her voyage to the East in January last is reported to have read, during the round trip the following books: Murray, "The Ocean"; Zimmermann, "The Greek Commonwealth"; Huxley, "Man's Place in Nature"; Gregory, "Geology of to-day"; Webb, "History of Philosophy"; Brewster, "The Making of English"; Donville-Pfle, "Submarine Engineering of to-day"; Lindley, "Chemistry in the Service of Man"; Geldart, "Elements of English Law"; Giles, "The Civilization of China"; Marcus Aurelius, "Thought"; Bradley, "Canada"; Keith, "The Human Body"; Plato, "The Republic"; Davis, "Medieval Europe"; Scott Elliot, "Prehistoric Man and his Story"; Denker, "The Race of Man"; Thurston, "Economic Geography of the British Empire"; Whether the name of that ship attracted into her crew certain characters who would not otherwise have been there is just speculation, but it is odd that there was also a deck-boy of the "Ulysses" who read a significant assortment of books between duties. On the "Anchises" of the same line there was a fireman who went to the poets between watches. He is credited with "The Odyssey," "The Ingoldeby Legends," "Poems of to-day," "Ballads and Poems," "Georgian Poetry," "The Seven Seas," "Noyes' Poems," and Sidgwick's "Poems."

AND THE SEA ROLLS ON.

The afternoon sun shines warmly, the sturdy ship rolls drowsily. It is the ubiquitous comrade who disturbs the skipper's siesta. He smiles blandly, expansively.

"One woman, deck passenger, have got baby—just born," he announces with the air of one springing a pleasant surprise.

Sounds of merriment from the open deck below, where the great event has just occurred confirm his cheerful tidings.

Suitable shelter and comforts are at once forthcoming.

Almost inevitably this latest little Son of Han, his mother a native of Canton and his father a brass finisher of Saigon, is named after the ship—Hsin Yuen, the Chinese variation for "Phu-nang," bound at the time from Saigon to Hongkong.

The sun no longer shines warmly but the good ship still rolls drowsily. Again it is the ubiquitous comrade, he disturbs the mate's cheerless early morning watch. Again he smiles blandly, though less expansively.

"One man, deck passenger, have die—four o'clock," he announces with the same naive air of springing a surprise.

But this time the news is not unexpected. Desperate and friendless, the man had been placed aboard the steamer at Saigon, obviously dangerously near the end of his fifty years. With a sick man's obstinacy he had stubbornly refused all food or ministrations. And now he had passed away with the new year not four hours old.

The log book records that the ship was stopped at eight o'clock and his body was committed to the deep. But it does not record that the great waves surged gradually under a glorious sky. Weary outcast, he sleeps with a brave company in a resting place beautiful without compare.

SANITARY BOARD.

WATER CARRIAGE SYSTEM.

HAPPY VALLEY GRAVES.

The care of graves at Happy Valley and the extension of the water carriage system were the principal subjects of discussion at the first meeting of the year of the Sanitary Board which was held in the Boardroom, Post Office Building, yesterday afternoon. Four of the other items on the agenda had reference to 78 proposed extensions, at the meeting refused 64 of them. The applications were from 16 houses in Belcher Street.

Mr. G. R. Sayer presided, and there were present at the meeting the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins (D.P.), the Hon. Mr. E. R. Halliford (S.A.), Dr. F. M. G. Ozorio, Dr. W. W. Pearce (M.O.H.) and Mr. C. M. Reynolds (secretary).

With regard to the Belcher Street application, the Chairman said he opposed the application because it went a long way beyond the principle that the Board adopted in 1916 of granting these applications only in the case of premises where occupants could be relied upon to abuse the privilege. Naturally, at practically limited the Board to granting applications only to permanent residents. He thought that to grant the application for 16 houses which had not even been erected was going very much beyond the principle adopted.

Dr. Ozorio said he was in favour of the application being given in view of the fact that the area intended to introduce the water carriage system in the Colony. The Chairman, in a recent discussion of the matter, spoke of training Chinese in use of water closets. Why not now a beginning with training by granting this application? If it was found that the places were abused the Board could close them.

The Director of Public Works said he was strongly against permission being granted. One son was that the water supply to these premises, proposed to be used for this purpose, was not a permanent one. It was intended to get a supply outside the curtilage of a premises. He also opposed permission being given for water cists in this particular district as this view was founded upon a g. practical experience of what happened in the slum districts of big cities. All the training of years at home had not brought certain districts into a state approaching a sanit one in this respect. All the trash and civilization that the people had seemed to have made very little difference. He had spent days in sewers but he had never seen anything there so insanitary as the sets in the slum districts of big cities.

CARE OF GRAVES.

The Chairman moved the subject of the care of graves in the Colonial Cemetery. He said that every year a considerable number of headstones requiring when they had sunk or lying where the stonework had been cracked by trees which had grown large. Every year this involved a considerable sum which has been paid hitherto out of public funds. He proposed that in future a charge should be made for monuments. That would involve a slight reduction in the sanitary by-law. He moved that instead of the words "the words 'two dollars' be substituted. He also recommended that the Board ask the Government give instructions to the Botanical and Forest Department to remove any trees planted on a private which had grown so large as to cause damage to neighbouring monuments.

The Secretary Chinese Affairs asked what was the extent of the damage done and the Chairman replied that it amounted to between \$100 and \$200 a year. The money was generally upon graves of people whose relatives had left the Colony. This year had called for tenders and received of \$500 and another of \$800. He seemed reasonable that the Government should make a small charge.

The Secretary Chinese Affairs suggested that the matter was rather trivial.

The Chairman said that it was becoming a bigger and bigger year.

At the request of Mr. Halliford the question was left over until the next meeting.

ANNIVERSARY GIFTS

S. C. C. E.

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

G. R. R.

NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and after FRIDAY, the 6th instant, the Supply of Water to a portion of the RIDER MAIN DISTRICTS West of Eastern Street will be controlled by bringing the RIDER MAINS into operation and that water will be turned on to each RIDER MAIN daily for two consecutive hours. Information as to the hours of supply to any Particular Property may be obtained on application at the Office of the Water Authority or Secretary for Chinese Affairs or at the Tung Wah Hospital.

T. L. PERKINS,
Water Authority.
Public Works Department.
Hongkong, January 3, 1922.

KHALSA DIWAN, HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

THE local Sikh Community, as well as those interested are hereby informed that the Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Ji will be celebrated at the Sikh Temple on Thursday, the 5th January 1922.

Heads of Departments and Private firms are requested to grant a holiday on the day to their Sikh Employees.

Arrangements for free meals to all Comers both Morning & Evening, have been made by the Committee of the above Institution.

BISHEN SINGH,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, January 4, 1922.

NOTICE.

WE are informed by the MESSAGERIES MARITIMES CO., that their 1st and 2nd class fares from Hongkong to Port-Said and Marseilles will be reduced from 1st of January, 1922—

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1st class £132.0.0.

2nd class £96.0.0.

To Marseilles.

1st class £136.0.0.

2nd class £98.0.0.

Besides this Company will allow family reductions of 10 & 15% for families paying 3 & 4 or more full fares and travelling by the same steamer.

The P. L. M. Railway Office formerly situated in their baggage sheds at Marseilles is to be re-established on the 1st of January, facilitating passengers to book their rail tickets immediately after landing.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

Next TOURNAMENT SATURDAY, January 14th.

MING YUEN GARDENS,

at 9.15 p.m.

MAIN EVENT

15 Rounds Heavy weight Championship Contest
PTE WILKINS, R. M. L. I. V. P. O. COVER, H. M. S. "TITANIA"

10 Round Catchweight Contest
STE. P. O. MORGAN, V. SEAMAN BOWLING, H. M. S. "HAWKINS"

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WHO WAS THE WOMAN IN ROOM THIRTEEN?

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

GOLF LESSONS will be given daily at Happy Valley between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. by Corporal Stone (R. A. M. C.).

Members and subscribers desirous of booking a time should communicate with Corporal Stone at Happy Valley, or the No. 1 Box.

The charge for one hour will be \$2.00, payable by cheit only.

Players wishing to cancel an engagement must give 24 hours' notice or they will be charged for one hour.

Players must provide balls and a caddy.

BY ORDER.

Hongkong, January 4, 1922.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Company will be held at the registered office of the Company, St. George's Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on the 12th day of January 1922, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit passing the following Resolution as an Ordinary Resolution, namely:—

"That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to enter into an Agreement with the Government of Hongkong for the grant to the Company of a License (under a new Electricity Ordinance in contemplation) to supply electric light and power in the Islands of Hongkong and Adjacent for a period of 25 years upon the terms of a letter addressed by the Hon. Director of Public Works to the Agents of the Company dated the 10th day of December 1921 with such modifications as the Directors may deem expedient."

The above mentioned letter may be inspected by the Shareholders at the office of the Company at any time during business hours until the date of the meeting.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 1922.
By Order of the Board,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.

ST. GEORGE'S BALL 1922.

TO BE HELD IN THE CITY HALL ON 6th JANUARY, AT 9.30 P.M.

FOR the convenience of Guests it is announced that the rendezvous for the Dancers in ST. GEORGE'S HALL will be shown by Red Lights; in ST. ANDREW'S HALL by Blue Lights, and in the MUSIC ROOM by Green Lights. Supper will be served in three separate sittings after the eighth, twelfth and sixteenth dances.

The following is the Programme:—
Extra—One Step.....O-la-la Wee Wee
1.—Lancers.....Cosmopolitan
2.—One Step.....Marilyn
3.—Fox Trot.....Moonlight
4.—Fox Trot.....Humming
5.—Waltz.....Alice Blue Gown
6.—Fox Trot.....Feather Your Nest
7.—Lancers.....Mikado
8.—One Step.....She'd A Hole in Her Stocking

First Supper
9.—Fox Trot.....Whispering
10.—Fox Trot.....The Love Nest
11.—One Step.....Suzette
12.—Waltz.....On Miami Shore
Second Supper
13.—Fox Trot.....In Sweet September
14.—One Step.....Timbuctoo
15.—Fox Trot.....Ain't We Got Fun
16.—Fox Trot.....Somebody's Sweetheart

Third Supper
17.—One Step.....Every Time He Kissed Her
18.—Waltz.....Isle of Golden Dreams
19.—Fox Trot.....I'll Keep on Loving You
20.—One Step.....I've Got My Captain Now Working for Me
21.—Fox Trot.....Top Hole
22.—One Step.....Oui Oui Marie
The Bands of H.M.S. "Hawkins" and the 2nd Wiltshire Regiment will provide the music.

Late Peak Trams and Ferries:—
12.30 a.m. 1 a.m. 1.30 a.m.
2 a.m. 2.30 a.m.

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| "DEVANHA" | 8,022 | 29th Mar. | |
| "NOVARA" | 8,022 | 12th Apr. | |
| "KALYAN" | 8,987 | 26th Apr. | |
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Goods remaining undelivered after the
3rd prox. will be subject to rent.

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before the 13th prox. or they will not be
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the 6th Jan., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must
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not be recognized.

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goods have left the Godowns, and all
goods remaining undelivered after the
9th January, 1922, will be subject to
rent.

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| "KORUA MARU" | 22,000 | Feb. 22nd. |
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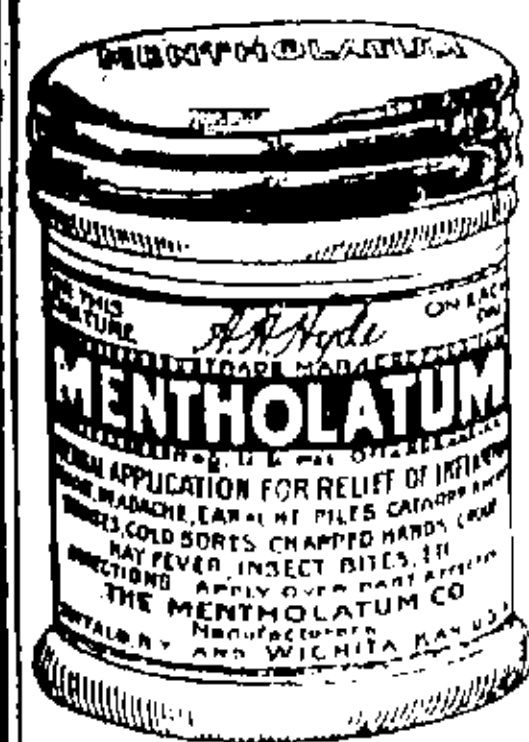
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There is no ship afloat at the present moment that has approached this speed within several knots, with the exception of the "Mauretania," the holder of the Blue Riband of the Atlantic. The "Mauretania," with the "Berenzaria," is at present on the Tyne undergoing conversion to oil-fuel burning and when this is completed the two ships will rejoin the "Aquitania" in the Cunard express service between Southampton, Cherbourg, and New York. The service of three giant vessels, with an aggregate tonnage of 129,000, will be the fastest ocean service in the world.

It is significant to recall that eighteen months ago the "Aquitania" was converted from coal to oil-burning, and since that time she has experienced the greatest success of her career, establishing numerous new records, especially from the point of numbers of passengers carried.

BAD NEWS FOR POPGUNNERS.

"Consternation" has been caused in nurseries throughout the old country by the imposition of a 10s. fine on a boy for carrying a "pop gun" without possessing a licence. The all-absorbing question appears to be whether papa will continue to bestow "pop guns" as presents if it is compulsory to expend a further sum as a licence.

Another debatable point is whether, in the event of a "pop gun" refusing to "pop" the licence money would be recoverable. It has not yet been ascertained whether a Society for the Protection of Popgunners will be formed.

A Press representative who sought information on the subject was told by a gunsmith that licences were not required even for air guns or shot guns, providing they were used in the house or garden.

With regard to toy guns an interesting point arises as to whether a licence would be necessary to convey the purchase from shop to house. Common carriers are exempt. But is a purchaser a common carrier? The announcement of a firm of air gun makers that "No licence is required to purchase the air rifle" suggests that the gun may be taken through the streets immediately after purchase without committing an offence.

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ANTI NOISE DAY. ONCE A YEAR URGED.

Professor Henry J. Spooner, lecturing at Blackburn, Lancashire, on "Noise and Fatigue," suggested that December 5 should be kept as an annual "fatigue elimination day," concentrating our attention especially on avoidable noise. It would, he suggested, help in the suppression of the tyranny of noise. Such a day is observed in the United States, where it was inaugurated by Dr. Gilbreth, the expert on fatigue elimination.

Among the causes of industrial fatigue Professor Spooner placed noise high on the list, and among the noises which he said called for attention were the following:

The noise in boiler-making factories. The riveter and trunk-maker noises. The noise of high-speed machinery. Traffic noises.

Owing to the continuous noise during their work, he said, boiler-makers and riveters become more or less deaf before 40, and few people who have lived for many years in a great city retain normal hearing owing to the traffic noises. Among remedies he put forward were ear-stoppers, and rubber for flooring stairs, and for roofs. On the noiseless day proposed by Professor Spooner it is suggested that the following would have a very poor time:

Drivers of lorries with steel tyres. Tube lift men. The man with the hooter at Victoria Station.

All railway porters. The man with a new motor-car who cannot change his gear.

Jazz bands and street musicians. Bookmakers.

It would also be interesting to know if any of the above come within the standard limit of permissible noise to exceed which, Professor Spooner declares, should be a legal offence.

BOY LOVER.

LETTERS TO A MARRIED WOMAN.

The love letters of a boy of 16 to a woman of 28 were read in court at Corning, New York, when Christopher Eckert, the son of a wealthy timber merchant, was sued by the woman's husband for alienation of her affection. The letters were written after the woman, Mrs. Huels, had gone on a visit to relatives at his father's suggestion in order to separate the pair.

"All the world is dark now that I ask for your sweet, comforting letters and I am refused," wrote the boy when his letters remained unanswered. "Your letters are cool. You don't show the least sign of caring for me."

In another he said, "Now I won't send you one cent until I can get satisfaction from you. I have taken your ring back to the shop at which I bought it and have got the money."

In the witness-box the boy denied misconduct but admitted having taken Mrs. Huels about a great deal in his motor-car. This, he said, was at her request.

JILTED WOMEN.

JUDGE ON "BREACH" SUITS.

Mr. Justice McCardie gave expression to his views on breach of promise actions in the King's Bench Division when the work of these courts was resumed. Miss Minnie Sutton, 30, domestic servant, of Upper Walthamstow-road, E., sued Mr. Sidney Pearce, 33, compositor, of North-street, Walthamstow. The case was undefended.

"The time is at hand," said Mr. Justice McCardie, "when the law as to bringing these actions should be considered. Two-thirds of the breach of promise actions brought at the present time, in my opinion, are not brought for the purpose of remedying a loss, but for the mere purpose of inflicting some public hurt upon a man who has disappointed a woman." In the case before him Mr. Justice McCardie said he would award no damages for loss of a matrimonial bargain, as the woman had lost nothing that was worth having. But for what he regarded as the absence of manly conduct on the part of the man and also for damages in respect of tresspass and house linen he gave judgment for Miss Sutton for £25 and costs.

Mr. W. A. Barton, for Miss Sutton, said that Mr. Pearce had kept her dangling over a period of seven years and had allowed her to expend practically all the money she had saved in preparations for the marriage.

Miss Sutton said she became engaged in 1916, and as Mr. Pearce was in the Army it was arranged they should be married at the end of the war. In August 1919 she asked him when he intended to marry her, and he replied that if she waited another three months they would settle down. He told her that she could hold all his money as a guarantee.

Mr. Justice McCardie: Do lovers talk to one another about guarantees? Had the affection gone? Of course we had tiffs occasionally. The "tiffs" were mostly over his people. "They did not like me," said Miss Sutton. She admitted she was a little quick tempered.

HOPING TO REFORM HIM. Describing a walk in Epping Forest, Miss Sutton said Mr. Pearce went into a public-house and her objections led to words.

Mr. Justice McCardie: You thought he was going wrong by taking too much drink and you objected strongly?—Yes. I am very much against it.

You objected because you thought it would lead to his social and moral ruin?—Yes.

Do you mean to say that you would marry a man who could not give up drinking?—I was in love that I would get him from it.

You would have married the man even if he was on the verge of becoming a drunkard?—If one liked him so much I suppose one would but he is not a drunkard. The Army did not improve him at all.

Mr. Justice McCardie, giving judgment, asked what would have been the home of a man drinking too much and a woman with a quick temper? It would have been a home of wretchedness and unchangeable misery. So far from this young woman having lost through the man's refusal to keep his promise, she was probably better off from every material point of view.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

For the theft of a small roll of satin silk worth \$7, from Wing On Company's store, a Chinese was sentenced by Magistrate Lindsell this morning to two months' hard labour. He was seen by one of the foks of the store putting the roll under his coat, and was stopped as he was leaving the store.

There was a sequel to the burglary at No. 140, Queen's Road Central, in Magistrate Lindsell's Court this morning, when a man charged with the unlawful possession of certain articles of clothing identified as part of the stolen property, received four months' jail. He was arrested by a detective as he was going into a pawnshop.

Amongst those who left by the "Pine Tree State," were Mr. A. Morley Horder, district manager of the North West Trading Company Ltd., Shanghai, Mr. J. P. Allen, manager of the China Specie Bank in Hongkong, who is going to Manila on a short visit, Colonel C. S. Wallace and Colonel C. R. Noyes of the U. S. Army and Lieut. Commander L. R. Green, and Mrs. Green.

Recent consular changes announced by the American Legation at Peking are:—Mr. E. S. Prick from Canton to Foochow, Mr. Thomas M. Wilson from Amoy to Madras (temporarily), Mr. Leighton Hope from Amoy to Swatow, Mr. G. Hanson from Foochow to Harbin, Mr. Myrl S. Myers from Swatow to Yunnan, and Mr. Douglas Jenkins from Harbin to Washington.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Electric Company, Ltd., is advertised for January 12 to authorise the directors to enter into an agreement with the Government under the proposed new Electricity Ordinance for the supply of light and power to the islands of Hongkong and Apichian for a period of twenty-five years.

The "Pine Tree State," the new Admiral Line steamer, arrived in Hongkong from Shanghai on her maiden trip on Sunday morning. She came down at an average speed of 20 knots and the passengers spoke in high terms of the ship. In some respects she is an improvement on her predecessors. The "Pine Tree State" left for Manila on Monday night on her return voyage.

The following appointments in the 22nd Punjab are announced in Command Orders:—Major G. de S. H. Middlemass is appointed 2nd in command vice Major H. Greenaway, proceeded on leave from 14-12-21; Captain C. I. Cordon, M.C. is appointed Company Commander vice Major G. T. Johnson having proceeded to join Staff College, Quetta, is struck off the strength of the battalion; Captain C. I. Cordon, M.C., is appointed Company Commander vice Captain G. T. Johnson, relieved; Captain H. K. Morton is appointed officiating Company Commander vice Captain C. I. Cordon, M.C.

Before Magistrate Wood this morning, a Chinese pleaded "guilty" to charges accusing him of the theft of a quilt at Tsimsahatui, and of having returned from banishment before the period for which he had been sent away had expired. With regard to the charge of returning from banishment, the police said that the defendant was sent away for 5 years on August 19, 1917, and he was found in Tsimsahatui yesterday. Defendant said that he had come back to catch a steamer for the United States. "I did not dare to live in Hongkong," he said, "so I went to put up in Kowloon for a few days only." For the theft he received one month's hard, and for returning from banishment, a further 12 months.

FIRST BITE FREE.

A DOG'S RIGHTS.

A dog's right to have first bite at a person "free" was upheld by Judge Cluer in a case at Shoreditch County Court.

Mr. Arthur Jeffery, 31, John Campbell-road, N., engineers' fitter, who sued Mr. Watts, 71, Ridley-road, Dalston, E., for £7 7s. in respect of damage done to Mrs. Jeffery's dress by Mr. Watts's dog, said the dog flew at his wife and tore her dress to pieces.

When Mr. Jeffery admitted that he could not say that the dog had bitten anyone else before, Judge Cluer said if that was so he was afraid nothing could be done. It was always assumed that a dog was a peaceful animal, whereas it was far from it. If it worried sheep to death or killed a pet parrot, then the owner could recover compensation, but if a dog had bitten him because he had ordered him a muzzle when a magistrate, then if its first bite—it was entitled to its first human bite for nothing—he could get nothing.

Mr. Jeffery (astonished): Then is it allowed, that if you are walking through the streets a dog can tear the clothes off you or tear you to pieces and you get nothing?

Judge Cluer: Yes, if its first bite. You will find it in Roscoe's Digest. (Laughter.)

When judgment was given for Mr. Watts, Mr. Jeffery observed: "Isn't that all right?" (Renewed laughter.)

DENOUNCED AT WEDDING

"BRIDEGROOM IS THE FATHER OF THIS CHILD."

A millionaire bridegroom was denounced at the altar during a wedding at Waterbury, Connecticut, by the mother of the girl he is alleged to have betrayed.

The wedding was that of Edward Farrington, 24 years of age, described as the son of one of the wealthiest men in Connecticut, to Margaret Hodson, daughter of a family equally wealthy and socially prominent.

In the middle of the marriage service, says the *New York American*, a woman rose and, pointing at the bridegroom, a young man of 24, shouted:

"I've something to say before this wedding goes on. This man is the father of that child."

As she spoke a girl, stated to be her daughter, rose in the next pew, holding a two-year-old boy in her arms. For some moments confusion reigned in the crowded church.

"While this revenge was meant to be visited upon the bridegroom," the newspaper account continues, "the one reaction among the guests was sympathy for the bride, the real sufferer of the moment."

"The ceremony completed, the wedding party marched serenely from the church. The strain upon the sensitive, high-strung girl was seen in the after results. During the honeymoon in Canada she was stricken with pneumonia, and has been brought back to her mother."

The bridegroom denies that he is the father of the child, it is added, and had refused to marry the mother.

THE QUEEN AS BARRISTER.

On the next "call" night, in January the first women students are due to be admitted as members of the English Bar. Women have already been admitted to the Irish Bar.

There is a growing feeling among the benchers and members of the four Inns of Court that the occasion should be marked in some special way; and there is a suggestion that the Queen should be invited to become the first woman barrister. At present the proposal has not got beyond a tentative shape; but if the Queen accedes to any such request, her Majesty will not be "called" by any one inn, as in the case of the ordinary student, but by all four inns.

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VIOLENT QUARRELS.

STABBING FRAY AT WAHAI.

Last night two Chinese quarrelled in Wanchai. The fight led to blows.

During the struggle one man called out that he had been stabbed. The other ran away, and people who witnessed the fight chased and caught him. The victim was found to be suffering from a deep wound in the side of the abdomen. He was immediately removed to the hospital, where he now is in a critical condition. A doctor was picked up from the drain.

This morning Doctor Blackman produced the assailant before Magistrate Wood, who remanded him until Wednesday.

KICKED IN THE TEETH.

An argument between two coolies in West Point resulted in a fight. One was alleged to have kicked the other down the stairs of the public house where they lived. The victim was injured in the right arm and right leg. The little finger of the right hand was broken, and Dr. Kenny had to amputate it at the hospital.

This morning parties appeared before Magistrate Wood, who fixed the hearing of the case for 2.15 this afternoon.

LOAN CAUSE TROUBLE.

The coxswain of the steam launch "Yee-woo" claimed that he lent the engineer money some time ago and

A DARBY AND JOAN.

IN DEATH NOT DIVIDED.

How an old couple—a regular Darby and Joan—were found dead together is told in a Bournemouth message.

Miss Thomasson, an elementary school teacher, on returning from school to Warwick House, Belvedere-road, found the bodies of her father and mother on the sitting-room floor.

Both Mr. Thomasson, who was 68, and his wife, who was two years older, had suffered from heart trouble. Mrs. Thomasson had not been medically attended for some time, but her husband said a doctor about his complaint only recently.

It is supposed that one found the other dead, and died immediately from shock.

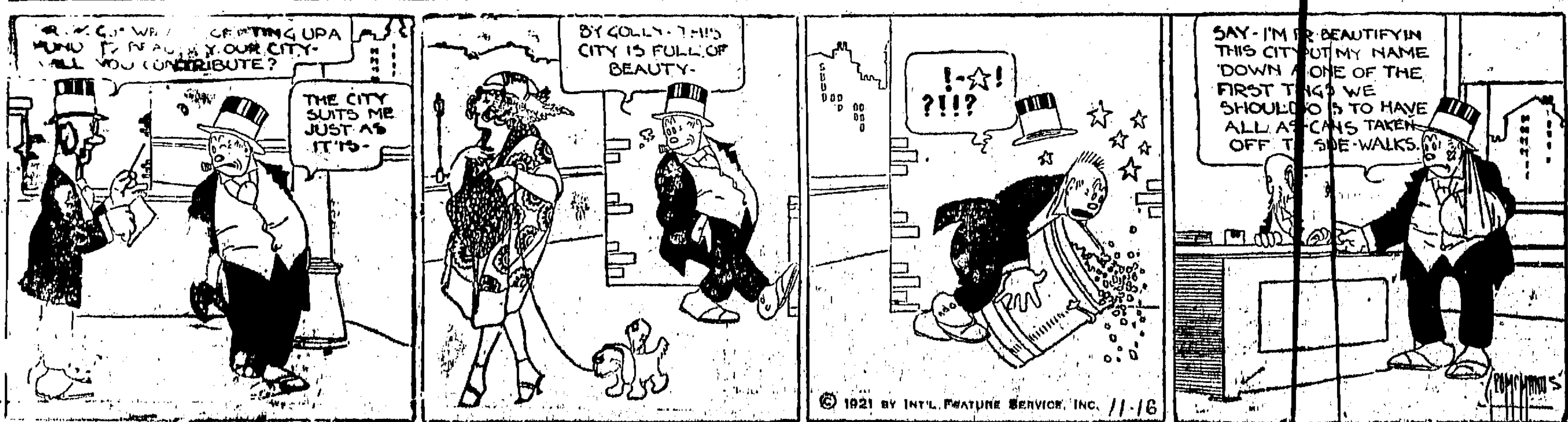
asserts that yesterday when he sought repayment the engineer who was standing at the top of the bridge ladder, kicked him in the right eye, causing serious injuries which had to be treated at the hospital.

This morning both men were produced before Magistrate Wood, who said that he must have corroboration of the complainant's story.

The coxswain said that some of the crew saw the affair, and the Magistrate remanded the case until Friday for the witnesses to be called.

The defendant was allowed bail in the sum of \$25.

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